

II. REMARKS

A. Introduction

Applicants submit this Response in a bona fide attempt to (i) advance the prosecution of this case, (ii) answer each and every ground of objection and rejection as set forth by the Examiner, (iii) place the claims in a condition for allowance, and (iv) place the case in better condition for consideration on appeal. Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the above referenced patent application in view of this Response.

As indicated above, Claims 1, 3 and 15 have been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that the noted amendments merely make explicit that which was (and is) disclosed or implicit in the original disclosure. The amendments thus add nothing that would not be reasonably apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains.

B. Response to Rejections

The Examiner contends:

The amendment of “the regulation of a plurality of cardiac functions” to claims 1 and 15 broadens the scope of the claims. The specification is enabling for affecting cardiac pacing, but not for a plurality of cardiac functions. Furthermore, it is unclear to the examiner what functions the Applicant intends to be encompassed by the “plurality of cardiac functions”.

As indicated above, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 15, deleting the reference to “regulation of a plurality of cardiac functions”. Claims 1 and 15, as amended, are now directed to “control of cardiac function.” Applicants respectfully submit that the noted amendment is in accord with and, hence, supported by the original disclosure.

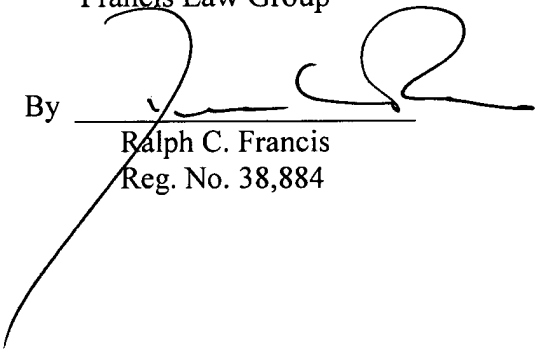
III. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-5, 13 and 15-16 in the above-referenced patent application are now in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact their Attorneys of record at the telephone number below to expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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